

WELCOME TO BAGAN DATUK

The Origin of Bagan Datuk

Bagan Datuk is located in the south of Perak State at a distance of almost 130 kilometres from Ipoh City, the capital of Perak State. Bagan Datuk was previously in the Lower Perak District, but on 16 Jun 2016, it was upgraded as 12th District in the State of Perak. A proclamation ceremony which was completed by Perak Sultan, Sultan Nazrin Muizzudin Shah Ibnu Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibuddin Shah Al- Maghfurlah was held on 9 Januari 2017.

Bagan Datuk once appeared on the world map as the most important coconut producer around the end of the 19th century until the middle of the 20th century which has witnessed changes in its physical structure after that. However, its glory did not last long and now Bagan Datuk is just a small town and district that still continues the socioeconomic legacy inherited from previous generations.

Bagan Datuk was first explored around the 1880s and Bagan Datuk Town was opened in 1896. At that time, the location was known as Sungai Keling and some called it Pekan Baru by Tok Kelah. It was later changed to Bagan Datuk which refers to the Malay settlement built on the banks of the Sungai Perak called bagan, and the origin of the name Tok Kelah due to the mistake of the English speaking Malay dialect calling 'Tok' to 'Toh'. According to history, the name Bagan Datuk originally before it was changed to Bagan Datuk was a combination of the location and the structure of the Malay population there itself.

Bagan Datuk holds various stories that need to be opened for the attention of various parties and angles that may pioneer various downstream potentials from both social and economic aspects. Today's generation needs to know the true history of Bagan Datuk so that past achievements can be used as an inspiration for their lives today and further bring back the glory of Bagan Datuk.

Bagan Datuk once emerged as an international port due to coconut production that was in demand by various countries in the early 20th century. But Bagan Datuk's maritime history began much earlier than that with the emigration of the First Sultan of Perak, Sultan Muzaffar Shah in 1528. Bagan Datuk's role continues relevant until the colonial era and also post-independence. Today the name Bagan Datuk is only associated with a small town that is driven by fishing activities and seafood and palm oil. Although the coconut plantation continues till the date, it is not as great as it was during its heyday. The sequence is that a study needs to be conducted to reveal the true background of Bagan Datuk from the scope of its maritime role so that today's society realizes that the importance is closely related to the socio-economic formation they inherited. This study is divided into five main roles namely:

- Its role as a place of pilgrimage for the First Sultan of Perak,
- The location of the entrance marker to Sungai Perak,
- Port of call
- International ports
- Fishing activities in South Perak

PLACES OF HERITAGE in Bagan Datuk

1 Heritage House at Kampung Sungai Haji Mohamad

The 100 years-old heritage house is located by the Teluk Intan-Bagan Datuk road in Kampung Sungai Haji Mohamad. This house often gets attention because of the Perak Malay tradition's unique features are still being preserved in its design. This house was built according to the features of Bumbung Lima, which is the identity of the Perak Malay house. Besides carvings around windows, doors and walls, the stairs of the house are located on the left side of the porch. Rainbow design on the front wall of the house is an attraction for people and tourists who often stop by to take pictures in front of the house.

2 Beting Beras Basah Jetty

Beting Beras Basah Jetty which is located in Bagan Datuk, the coastal area at the end of Sungai Perak is a sandy beach area that sometimes rises and sometimes sinks when the tide occurs. The Jetty can only be seen when the water of the Perak River recedes, especially in the morning and it will sink during the high tide. This Jetty is associated with the first Perak Sultan to set foot here. Each time the Perak Sultan is crowned, the sultan must go down the Perak River from Kuala Kangsar to Beting Beras Basah Jetty. This place is considered sacred by the villagers due to various strange events.

3 More Than 100 years old

Istiqamah Mosque of Kampung Sungai Tiang Darat

This mosque is believed to have been built in 1911. In its early history, this mosque was named Masjid Jamek Sungai Tiang Darat and later changed its name to Al-Istiqamah Mosque with the message of istiqamah in all matters of worship and goodness. The establishment of this mosque is the result of consensus, cooperation, communal work and the religious spirit of the early residents of Sungai Tiang Darat village and assisted by religious groups and philanthropists at the village level. The Javanese architecture of this mosque is like the Indonesian Demak Mosque. Construction of pillars and wooden frames, floor bases and concrete bottom walls. The dome is rectangular in shape and has a zinc roof. Tower with concrete base, pillars and wooden construction. Tongued board ceiling with unique wooden architecture and carved with various pattern shapes with calligraphy. The mihrab room and prayer room are spacious with medium length high and its carved wooden pulpit is made by the locals.

4 Hutan Melintang Passenger Boat Jetty

The Hutan Melintang passenger boat's jetty is located on the banks of Sungai Bernam, Hutan Melintang, Sungai Bernam is the natural boundary between Perak and Selangor. This boat service has been around for over 60 years and continues to serve the locals to this day. The distance between Hutan Melintang and Ladang Hulu Bernam is 40 kilometers by road that crosses the bridge in Sabak Bernam, while the passenger boat that crosses the Bernam River takes 10 to 15 minutes to cross. So users are more comfortable using passenger boat under this circumstances. The fare is only RM1.50 per passenger and a motorcycle for a one-way trip. The boat service is from 6 am to 10 pm daily with a journey frequency of every 15 minutes.

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ATTRACTIVE PLACES in Bagan Datuk

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Bagan Datuk Square

Bagan Datuk Square and the jetty are the main tourist attractions in Bagan Datuk District. The square project which was completed on 29 January 2019 while the jetty on 31 August 2019, undeniably offer an amazing view of the mouth of Sungai Perak especially during the sunset. The atmosphere of this place is livelier on the weekends due to activities such as various types of food sale. Apart from that, the ship replica is place where visitors like to take pictures. This place is an ideal idea for 'OOTD' and recreational activities with family.

2

Bagan Datuk Mural

Bagan datuk has the attractive mural paintings painted on the wall of the shop rows and also repainted old shop buildings which get public's attention.

3

Bagan Sungai Burung Jetty and Bagan Ikan Jetty

There are several operators who offer complete 'river cruise' packages along the mouth of the Sungai Perak to Pulau Sembilan. Visitors can experience the 'sky mirror' technique photography, watch blue tears, eagle feeding and clam digging. Accommodation which contains exciting activities such as aquarium visit and buggy riding around the jetty area. In addition, visitors can enjoy a variety of seafood based dishes. Packages can be selected by visitors according to their respective interests.

4

Sky Mirror in Beting Beras Basah

Sky mirror is a phenomenon like a large mirror which is spread out naturally and our image can be seen on the water mirror which is quite amazing and captured by using certain photographic techniques. For photography enthusiasts, the 'sky mirror' phenomenon is a must try experience.

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Sunflower Garden Bagan Datuk

For those who love to take 'OOTD' photos in attractive places, the sunflower garden located in Bagan Datuk is undeniably an option. This garden certainly gives a photoshoot satisfaction with the sunflowers especially for those who have huge love on sunflowers. There are many interesting backgrounds and other attractions created at this garden too. Sunflower Garden Bagan Sungai Burung is an 'Insta worthy' place and gets public attention often.

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Bagan Datuk Tuminah Hamidi Mosque

The Tuminah Hamidi Mosque has the concept of a floating mosque on the banks of the Sungai Perak. This mosque is the third floating mosque in Perak after the Pulau Pangkor Al-Badr Mosque and the Kampung Telaga Nenas Ayer Tawar Mosque. The mosque has a multipurpose hall and a square. It can accommodate 5,000 pilgrims at a time and is a unique attraction in the Bagan Datuk district.

Foodie Spot

- Nasi Lemak Din Canal (Shell Out) Hutan Melintang
- Medan Ikan Bakar Hilir Perak Hutan Melintang
- Kari Kepala Ikan Maidin Bagan Datuk
- Mastan Ghani Hutan Melintang
- Restoran Sun Kee Hutan Melintang (Nur-Halal)
- Hai Yung Seafood Bagan Datuk (Nur-Halal)

Accommodations

- WIP Hotel Bagan Datuk
- Melintang Hotel Hutan Melintang
- Top Garden Hotel Bagan Datuk

Recreation

- BOT JOURNEY TO NINE ISLAND
- FISH FEEDING AT SUNFLOWER GARDEN
- E-BIKE AT DATARAN BAGAN DATUK
- BAKAU DE BARU SALT WATER FISHING POND

Product of Bagan Datuk

- KRAFTANGAN BATANG KELAPA DAN TEMPURUNG HANDICRAFTS OF COCONUT TRUNKS AND SHELLS 015-2323793
- UNITATA BERNAM BAKERY 05-6411536
- QL FOODS SDN BHD- 05-641 5805
- S&P INDUSTRIES SDN BHD (SANTAN KELAPA) / COCONUT MILK 05-646 7121
- FISHERMAN FAMILY SDN BHD PEMBELIAN BEBOLA IKAN SECARA ATAS TALIAN (ONLINE FISHBALL PURCHASING) 012-221 1338

Tourism Operator

Nine Island Agency Sdn.Bhd - 017-622 0815
Blue Tears Island - 05-646 6999

LEMBAGA KOKO MALAYSIA BAGAN DATUK

Bagan Datuk Malaysian Cocoa Board provides a space for the public to learn more about the cocoa plant. Programmes are designed with the concept of Cocoa Agrotourism, such as the provision of Cocoa Tour and Education packages. This package is designed to give options to visitors who come in groups to receive exposure related to cocoa plants, from aspects of planting, grafting, introduction of small cocoa plants to mature cocoa plants. LKM Bagan Datuk also has a gallery selling products based on cocoa and chocolate produced by LKM and chocolate-based entrepreneurs. The signature products of LKM Bagan Datuk are Choc-A-Lot chocolate water and Cocoa Pulp Juice. A visit to LKM Bagan Datuk will definitely benefit visitors to get to know one of the commodities in Malaysia more closely, learn more about the importance of cocoa plant care and then witness the final products that can be produced from cocoa.

- Functions:
- Increase the quality
 - Control and coordinate research activities and policies.
 - Conduct and promote research in production, processing, storage and usage.
 - Supervise and coordinate the perfect execution in production, processing, storage, regulation and marketing of cocoa and cocoa products.
 - Collect and disseminate information
 - Coordinate sales development and promotion activities.

Visiting Hours : 9.00 a.m - 4.00 p.m (Monday-Friday)
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MARDI BAGAN DATUK

MARDI Bagan Datuk Agro Technology Park (TATMBD) @ Cocostourism has been developed since 2018 based on coconut technology and innovation. Cocostourism@TATMBD also has been included in the Bagan Datuk district Agrotourism calendar which is, one of the places to visit is at Cocostourism. There are over 32 varieties of coconut plants can be found here. At Cocostourim@TATMBD different experiences can be gained through the clusters provided such as

- ARRIVAL CLUSTER**
Which brings the visitors to the agro garden gallery in the form of souvenirs, coconut planting information/brochures and coconut-based technology products exhibited at in the Information Technology Centre (TIC).
- HYBRID COCONUT CLUSTER & FRUITS**
Which provides demonstration of assisted pollination in the production of hybrid coconuts as a result of R&D MARDI.
- COIR FACTORY CLUSTER & MARDI HYBRID**
Coconut Sales that highlights the process the production of cocopeat and cocofiber as well as the sale of related products and the sale of the MARDI hybrid coconut seedlings to interested visitors.
- OIL TEST BED CLUSTER VIRGIN COCONUT OIL (VCO)**
MARDI Bagan Datuk who will show the production process of VCO to visitors.
- LIVESTOCK SITE CLUSTER & EGG COCONUT DEMO**
which is the warmest welcome at Cocostourism @ TATMBD where visitors have the opportunity to see Barbadian goats livestock and take pictures and feed the livestock and also egg coconut demo to visitors who were also served the egg coconut. Feel an unique experience of being in a coconut farm while enjoying fresh egg coconut water.

Visiting Hours : 8.00 a.m - 5.00 p.m (Monday-Friday)
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